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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION -- CERAMIC WALL TILE FROM PHILIPPINES

REF: STATE 256119 OCTOBER 29, 1975

1. TREASURY NEEDS INFORMATION ON CERAMIC WALL TILE COUNTER-VAILING DUTY CASE REQUESTED OF GOP LAST OCTOBER BY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 23 IN ORDER TO ANALYZE DATA AND EXPLORE ALL POSSIBLE OPTIONS WITH GOP BEFORE STATUTORY DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 26. TREASURY IS WILLING IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, AND IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE, TO SEND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICE OF TARIFF AFFAIRS SENIOR STAFF MEMBER TO MANILA TO

ASSIST IN CLARIFYING ANY POINTS RAISED IN QUESTIONNAIRE AND TO DISCUSS CASE WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF GOP AND EMBASSY.

- 2. IN VIEW OF TIGHT TIME PERIOD INVOLVED, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CABLE PHILIPPINE SUBMISSION TO WASHINGTON. THIS WILL ENABLE TREASURY TO MAKE NECESSARY ANALYSIS EARLY ENOUGH TO PROVIDE, IF NECESSARY, OPTIONS TO THE GOP WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS IN PROGRAMS OR TO MEETING OF THE STATUTORY CRITERIA FOR A TEMPORARY WAIVER PROVISIONS OF TRADE ACT OF 1974.
- 3. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED TO GOP THAT TREASURY MUST OBTAIN REQUESTED INFORMATION WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD DESCRIBED ABOVE IN ORDER TO GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO THE FACTS. TREASURY HAS IN NO WAY PREJUDGED THIS CASE AND IT MAY BE STRESSED THAT SEVERAL NEGATIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTY DECISIONS ANNOUNCED RECENTLY BY TREASURY WERE A REVERSAL OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISIONS AND WERE OCCASIONED BY RECEIPT OF MORE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PROGRAMS UNDER INVESTIGATION.
- 4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RESPONSE SOONEST. KISSINGER

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